This is the place where to go for vaccins

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Nazi Murder Factory Purges Idiot Children

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KAUFBEUREN, Bavaria, July 7—More than one month after American troops occupied this town, imbecile German children and mentally deranged adults in the Kaufbeuren Asylum were still being exterminated by German nurses and doctors for the "improvement of the German race."

The mass murder factory was discovered by two public health officers of the Munich Military Government.

The bodies of the victims, who before they died were used as human guinea pigs for scientific experiments, were cremated on the premises.

The head nurse of one of the children's wards, Sister Worle, confessed to having poisoned or killed by intra-muscular injection at least 211 minors. She drew a monthly bonus of 35 marks for her extra services. When arrested, she asked innocently: "Will anything happen to me?"

Dr. Valenti Falthauser, 69, who directed the institution and another at nearby Irsee, has been arrested with members of the hospital staff. Dr. Lothar Gartner, second in charge, hanged himself before American soldiers entered.

Skin-Covered Skeletons

It was admitted by doctors that between 350 and 400 cremations had taken place at the asylum since November, 1944.

In the hospital's uncooled morgue, bodies of men and women who had died from 12 hours to three days before were discovered. All were skin-covered skeletons, some weighing less than 60 pounds. They had been used for poison and starvation experiments.

Among the 360 nurses and medical attendants who supervised the 2,046 patients found living in the two institutions were many Catholic and Lutheran sisters. Sister Olga Hittler, who stonily confessed the poisoning of "at least 30 to 40 persons," when asked whether she was a Christian and believed in God, answered bruskly: "I am a Lutheran, and that is a personal matter which does not concern you."

Employees stated they knew what was happening around them, but said they had been threatened with shipment to Dachau if they spoke of it. One Lutheran minister and a Catholic priest were discovered on the premises.

Numerous Pitiful Letters

The patients were recruited from all parts of Germany and files revealed many pitiful letters of inquiry from relatives. It was the custom to wire the next of kin before the murders were committed, saying the patient had taken a turn for the worse.

One theory advanced for the starvation experiments was that the Germans wished to determine how far a human diet could be reduced before death resulted. Conceivably, this knowledge might have been useful in planning concentration camp diets.

There were two starvation diets, one which normally caused death in three months, and another which kept the patient alive considerably longer.

The poison experiments were performed by intra-muscular injections of scolpolamine and by doses of luminal or veronal given in foods or liquids. Both drugs are normally sedatives, and overdoses cause death only after two to five days during which the patient normally contracts pneumonia or a lung ailment. This was listed as the cause of death.

Killed Last Child May 29

Sturdier patients were given overdoses of both poisons. Sister Worle confessed that those withstanding luminal were given scopolamine injections. She said she killed the last child on May 29, 33 days after Americans took the town.

The treatment of children was based on decrees issued by the Minister of Interior. All German families with lunatic or imbecile children were forced to register them.

Power to decide whether a child should be destroyed was vested in the head doctor. Correspondence indicated the Kaufbeuren and Irsee asylums were used as human warehouses from which German scientists needing human beings for experiments could draw at will. Overlays showing many such institutions in Germany were discovered.